



# Bay Harbor Islands

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It appears we may finally be seeing the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. Thanks to vaccinations and simple precautions, COVID transmission rates are dropping. While we must still be vigilant to prevent unnecessary exposure, this reduction in transmission rate is allowing the Town to resume outdoor social events such as the car show, concerts, snow day and more. Dates for these upcoming events will be posted shortly by the Town.

For those of you that frequent the Morris N. Broad Community Center, you may have noticed what appeared to be renovations being performed on a front room. The Town is pleased to announce a police substation has been installed in the Community Center, providing both additional security to the Community Center itself and allowing for a more rapid response to any threats at our school. Your safety has been and remains the primary focus of the Town Council.

Recently, many citizens have asked about the placement of utility poles throughout the Town. Unfortunately, the Town's ability to regulate the placement of poles (so as not to restrict access to walkways or to reduce clutters of poles due to redundancy) has been eliminated by the state legislature. While your Town Council will continue to make every effort to manage our own Town, the state legislature seems intent on reducing our home rule. This is similar to the legislature's restrictions on the Town regulating vacation rentals and other issues that affect your quality of life. The Town Council shares your frustration, but it is essential you are aware of the cause of these nuisances and that they are not being ignored by your Council as we continue our fight to preserve our small-town feel in Bay Harbor Islands.

As we approach Spring, or as we call it in South Florida – the not as hot part of Summer, please take some time to appreciate our community. Our parks are open, Kane Concourse is alive with stores and restaurants, exciting new events are on the horizon, and we are working on providing, resident-only, waterfront access. It is true that new apartments and condominiums have replaced many of the older structures. It is also true that has resulted in the arrival of new Bay Harbor Islands residents. Take a chance and introduce yourself to your new neighbors. Show them they have joined an amazing community, and at the same time, they have made a new friend.



# Annual Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 5, 2022

## MEET THE CANDIDATES

The following individuals submitted the required documents to qualify as candidates in the April 5, 2022.

Municipal Election:

- Teri D'Amico
- Eric Rappaport

Each candidate shall provide a profile that will be published on the Town's website and in the April newsletter. The Town of Bay Harbor Islands will coordinate a Candidate Forum the Thursday before the election or when the candidates and League of Women Voters are available. Information on the final date will be advertised here and in the Town's April Newsletter.

## VOTING IN THE ELECTION

To vote in this election, you must be properly registered to vote with your residential address in Bay Harbor Islands 29-days prior to the election (March 7th, this year). If you are already registered with your current Bay Harbor Islands address, you need not re-register. If you are not sure about your registration status, call Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8683 or visit their website at: [imelectionready.com](http://imelectionready.com).

## NOT REGISTERED? GET REGISTERED!

Registering to vote is a right. It is available to all persons over the age of 18 who are United States citizens and meet the requirements. There is no minimum residency requirement for registration. You can register online by visiting the Miami-Dade County Elections website, [imelectionready.com](http://imelectionready.com), and clicking on "REGISTER TO VOTE."

## PRECINCTS

The Town's two precincts are combined at one location for our municipal election. The polling place is located in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Mayor Joseph J. Gardner Government Center, 9665 Bay Harbor Terrace. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. As this year's election is to fill a single seat on the Council, the qualified candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the office of Council Member. The newly elected Council Member will take their oath of office at the Council Meeting in April 2022.

## WHAT TO BRING ON ELECTION DAY

When voting in person, on Election Day, you must bring current and valid identification that contains your name, photograph, and your signature. While it is not required that voters bring their voter information card to the polling place on Election Day, it will expedite the check-in process. If you don't have a single piece of identification showing your name, signature and photo, you may provide a picture ID together with a signature ID from the approved list below. Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Florida driver license
- Florida ID Card issued by the state
- United States Passport
- Government Employee ID card
- And more!

Get the complete list at [imelectionready.com](http://imelectionready.com).

## VOTE BY MAIL!

If you will be unable to go to the polls on the day of the Town election, a vote-by-mail ballot may be requested online at [imelectionready.com](http://imelectionready.com) or by calling the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at 305-499-8444. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is 5 p.m. on the tenth day before the election. Mailed in requests must be in their hands by that date and time. These ballots must be returned to no later than 7 p.m. on the day of election.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands is looking for volunteers to serve on several committees and the Design Review Board. If you are interested in serving on a committee and/or the Design Review Board, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Interim Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton at [yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov](mailto:yhamilton@bayharborislands-fl.gov).

**Go to:**

**[bayharborislands-fl.gov/209/Boards-Committees](http://bayharborislands-fl.gov/209/Boards-Committees)**  
**for more information.**

## Meet our Interim Town Clerk Yvonne Hamilton

At the February 15 Council meeting, the Council voted to promote Deputy Clerk Yvonne Hamilton to Interim Town Clerk. Yvonne joined our Town Clerk's office one year ago and quickly familiarized herself with our Code, the Town Council and staff, and always there to assist where needed. She came to us with glowing recommendations and years of experience as a Certified Municipal Clerk, so we expected excellence. Having worked for North Bay Village for 26 years – with 16 of those years in the position of Village Clerk, we were not disappointed. Yvonne has a thorough knowledge of municipal rules and regulations and election procedures and understands the intricacies involved in managing a Clerk's office. In addition, Yvonne holds a Legal Assistant Associates Degree. She has a strong work ethic and enjoys close ties with her family. Ms. Hamilton is surely a welcome addition to our Town.



Yvonne Hamilton





# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Quarterly Award Winners



On March 2, the BHIPD recognized our outstanding Civilian and Officers of the Quarter; Administrative Coordinator Perez, Corporal Candemmo, Detective Castellanos and Detective Murado. Congratulations to each of you. We thank you for your unwavering commitment to excellence and outstanding personal performance.

## Officer Ortega is Sworn in as Newest Member of BHI PD



## Annual Police VS Fire Pig Roast at Hialeah Park

The BHIPD made a fine showing participating in the Annual "Police VS Fire BBQ Pig Cook-off" at Hialeah Park. This tasty event brings together first responders and families from all over South Florida and raises funds and awareness for families of critically ill children. Donations benefit a child in need. This year's recipient is a child battling leukemia. The BHI PD team included Officers Ortega and Cargill, Deputy Chief Noel, Detective Murado, Corporal Candemmo, Chief Raul Diaz, Executive Assistant Blanco and team leader Administer Coordinator Perez.





## Camilo Gonzalez Retires After 33 Years

Long-time Streets & Parkways employee, Camilo Gonzalez is hanging up his tool belt, after 33 years with the Town of Bay Harbor Islands.

Quiet in demeanor but with a ready smile, Camilo will surely be missed by us all. Please join us in wishing him a happy and healthy retirement.



**DON'T RELY ON LUCK**

**DRIVE SAFE**  
THIS  
**ST. PATRICKS DAY**

[fdotmiamidade.com/drivesafe-md](http://fdotmiamidade.com/drivesafe-md)



## CFA TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT**

A team of assessors from the Commission of Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 and remain through Thursday, March 31, 2022, to examine all aspects of the Police Department's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services.

The Town of Bay Harbor Islands Police Department must comply with numerous standards to retain accredited status. Many of the standards are critical to life, health, safety issues, and best practices. The accreditation program manager for the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department is Nicole Blanco.

The CFA assessment team is composed of assessors from similar agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other areas where compliance can be observed. The CFA Assessment Team Leader is Meghan Warman from the Palatka Police Department. Other members of the assessment team include, Marie Reese from the Naples Police Department, and Demetri Konstantopoulos from the Sarasota Police Department.

As part of the assessment, agency members and members of the public are invited to offer comments to

the assessment team. A copy of the standards manual is available on the CFA website at [www.flaccreditation.org](http://www.flaccreditation.org) under the standards tab.

For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department's ability to meet the standards of accreditation, please send correspondence to: CFA, P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida, 32302, or email to [flaccreditation@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:flaccreditation@fdle.state.fl.us).

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report to the full Commission, which then determines if the agency is to receive accredited or reaccredited status. Bay Harbor Islands Police Department's accreditation is valid for three years. Verification by the team that Bay Harbor Islands meets the Commission's standards is part of a voluntary process to gain or maintain accreditation - a highly prized recognition of professional excellence.

To view the Press Release, visit <https://tiny.one/BHIPolice-CFA>





*Presents*  
TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS  
**A CONCERT IN THE PARK  
ON 95TH STREET**



*Featuring*  
**GAFIEIRA RIO MIAMI**

Come celebrate Brazilian carnival with Gafieira Rio Miami, March 27 at 7 PM, at the 95th Street Park!

This 11-piece Brazilian big band fuses samba, jazz & funk with the joyous and irresistible energy inspired by the Rio ballroom dance music, "Samba de Gafieira."

Joining Gafieira Rio Miami will be the samba drummers and dancers of Bateria Unidos de Miami. This awesome evening of music and dance is presented exclusively for our Town of Bay Harbor Islands residents. ID will be required.

Visit the Town's website at [bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://bayharborislands-fl.gov) for more information on this and other March events.

*Save the Date*  
The Town of Bay Harbor Islands presents  
*A Spring Concert  
in the 95th Street Park*  
*April 2, at 7:00 pm*  
*"An Evening of  
Classical Music"*  
*Featuring Shana Douglas  
and Friends*  
*Residents only, please, with ID*

**Let's Show 'em Our Sole Power!**

In honor of National *Shoe The World Day*,  
we ask YOU to give us your soles!



Donate your new or gently worn shoes to the our  
Community Shoe Drive by dropping them off in the  
*Sole Power* bin at the Bay Harbor Islands Town Hall,  
through March 31, 2022.

Your gifts of *sole* will be donated to Camillus House  
to provide footwear to those who have not.

*Let's give from our hearts and soles,  
Bay Harbor Islands and show the world  
all the love in our hearts.*

**MULTI-AGENCY**  
**SHRED-  
A-THON**  
**WITH ELECTRONICS RECYCLING &  
DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK**

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 30, 2022  
10 AM - 2 PM**

Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park)  
10800 Collins Avenue

Shredding for **RESIDENTS ONLY**.  
Please, no business shredding.  
No CDs, DVDs, binders, x-rays  
or plastic will be accepted.  
There is a 3-box limit.

**ID from a participating municipality will be required.**







**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS**

# SPRING CAMP

2022

**JOIN US FOR THE FUN!**

**SPORTS • GAMES • FIELD TRIP • ARTS & CRAFTS**

**March 21 – 25 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE**

**at the Morris N. Broad Community Center**

Campers must bring their own water, snacks and lunches each day. Residents \$120, non-residents \$160

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (786) 646-9970**



*Town of Bay Harbor Islands*

# ANNUAL EGG HUNT!

**Sunday, April 3rd**

**11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**Officer Scott A. Winters Park**

**on 98th Street**

Proof of Town residence required.

8-12: 12:00 - 12:20 p.m.

6-8 years: 11:30 - 11:50 a.m.

5-years and under: 11:00 - 11:20 a.m.

And we get to have our faces painted and have cotton candy!



**SAVE THE DATE !**

# TOWN PICNIC

**BAY HARBOR ISLANDS**

**SUNDAY**

**APRIL 24, 2022**

**1 PM**

**ANITA & MORRIS BROAD**

**EARTH DAY PICNIC & CELEBRATION**

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP AT THE MORRIS N. BROAD COMMUNITY CENTER BEGINNING APRIL 5, 2022. PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF RESIDENCE REQUIRED. 5 TICKETS MAX PER ADDRESS/HOUSEHOLD.





# BAY HARBOR ISLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES

**REGISTER ONLINE at [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register)**

For more information call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT FUN

**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 19, 7 P.M.**

The whole family will enjoy "Encanto." Amid the gorgeous animation and catchy songs, a young girl learns how to live and love with her magical family.

Bring your own chair or blanket, but leave your pets at home. Popcorn and snow cones will be available.



## NEW AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR 2022

Join us for a variety of sports, arts, music, languages and technology at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center. Fees are based on annual (complete 2021-2022 school year) or seasonal rates (as specified). Please apply online at [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov) and at the Morris N. Broad Community Center.

For more information, please call the Morris N. Broad Community Center at (786) 646-9970.

## PROGRAMS

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register](https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register)**

### TOT & YOUTH

**STORY TIME IN THE PARK** - At the Tot Lot at 4 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and at the 98th Park at 4 p.m. on the third Friday of the month.

**PEE-WEE SOCCER** - At the 98th Street Park on Sundays for children, ages 12 months to 5 years. Times vary by age. The 8-week session is \$95 for residents.

**JUST YOU & ME CLUB** - For parent and child ages 2-4. Parents and children older than two must wear a mask and follow social distancing. Fridays, 10-11 a.m. The cost is \$80 for residents, and \$140 non-residents for 8 weeks.

**YOUTH GAME ROOM** - Fridays from 3 - 5 p.m. and weekends from 12 - 4 p.m.

### ADULTS & SENIORS

**TAI CHI** - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10-11 a.m. \$40 for 8 weeks.

**ADULT YOGA** - At the Morris N. Broad Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m.

**SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS** - Morris N. Broad Community Center on Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. Fee is \$40 residents/\$60 non residents. Sign up today! <https://tiny.one/BHI-Seniors>

## LET'S TALK HEALTH WITH JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Our Monthly Children's Health & Safety Lecture Series continues with "Sadness vs. Depression: How to Tell the Difference" by Carla Cabrera, M.S. from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. This informative lecture will be presented via Zoom on Wednesday, March 16 at 5 p.m. The Zoom link is <https://zoom.us/j/98813467474>

## Driver License Services at Community Center



The Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) is back with their Mini-FLOW services at the Morris N. Broad Community Center on each second Friday of the month. Only for Bay Harbor Islands residents, appointments will be available from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Mini-FLOW is a convenient way to renew a driver license or ID card, get a replacement driver license, change your name or address, renew a vehicle registration, obtain

a disabled parking placard or purchase a specialty license plate. Fees vary, based on the service. Florida has new documentation requirements so visit <https://flhsmv.gov> or call (850) 617-2000 for information related to obtaining a Florida driver license or photo ID card. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/bhi-cc-register>, and click on "Town Events" to make an appointment. If you have not yet created an account on the event registration site, you must do so to register. Don't delay - spaces fill up fast. Can't make it this month? No worries; they will be back.



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*Mayor*

Elizabeth Tricoche  
*Vice Mayor*

Stephanie Bruder  
*Council Member*

Molly Diallo  
*Council Member*

Jordan W. Leonard  
*Council Member*

Isaac Salver  
*Council Member*

Robert Yaffe  
*Council Member*

Maria D. Lasday  
*Town Manager*

Yvonne Hamilton  
*Interim Town Clerk*

Joseph Geller  
*Town Attorney*

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*Chief of Police*

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**EMERGENCY: 911**  
[www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)

## Upcoming Town Meetings

The Town Council welcomes your attendance and participation at meetings. All meetings, unless regarding topics specifically exempt by state law, are open to the public. To confirm all meeting dates and times, please contact the Office of the Town Clerk at (305) 866-6241.

- Special Master Hearing,  
Thursday, March 24 at 10 a.m.
- Annual Municipal Election, Tuesday, April 5,  
Town Hall, polls open 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.

The Town Public Meetings will be held at Town Hall Council Chambers. The public and other members of staff are welcome to participate in person. The following future tentative meeting dates are subject to change. As the date becomes close, contact [www.bayharborislands-fl.gov](http://www.bayharborislands-fl.gov)

## Future Tentative Meetings

Regular Town Council: Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
Design Review Board: Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
Committee Meetings: TBA

ALL MEETING DATES ARE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Highlights of the Regular Town Council February 15

- Approval of an MOU between the Town of Bay Harbor Islands, the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Police Department, and the South Florida Police Benevolent Association regarding Article 12. (Promotions) of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a Contractor for the structural Rehabilitation of Broad Causeway Bridge No. 875010. The work includes restoring cracked and palled concrete on the super-structure, bridge deck, top and underside.
- Approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services. The selected firm through this RFP will be responsible for the overall monitoring of debris collections performed by the Town's Disaster Debris Collector in accordance with the Stafford Act and FEMA policies and guidelines.
- Approval to renew the Mutual Aid Agreement between Biscayne Park Village and the Bay Harbor Islands Police Department.
- Approval to renew the Mutual Aid Agreement, Municipal Ordinance Violation Contract for 2022 between the Miami-Dade County State Attorney and the Town of Bay Harbor Islands Police Department.

## Topics anticipated for discussion or possible action at the March 9 Town Council meeting

- Consideration and Approval of an ordinance on second reading amending Chapter 23, Sections 23-1 and Sections 23-11 -23-12 to establish the method of measuring a building height to start from the base flood elevation plus any additional freeboard per the Florida Building Code.
- Discussion requested by Council Member Leonard to consider amending the Town Code to add new incentives, including possible reduction in parking for the Town's Sustainable Building Program.